

SENATE FLOOR ACTION

**Wednesday
April 29, 2015**

The Senate suspended the necessary rules to consider and finally pass:

SJR 30 Taylor, Larry

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation real property leased to certain schools organized and operated primarily for the purpose of engaging in educational functions.

1 Floor Amendment

SJR 60 Campbell

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the governing body of a political subdivision to adopt a local option exemption from ad valorem taxation of a portion, expressed as a dollar amount, of the market value of real property of a business that employs honorably discharged veterans.

1 Floor Amendment

SB 326 (CS) Estes/ et al.

Relating to the amount of wine certain wineries may sell directly to consumers.

SB 545 Taylor, Larry

Relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation of real property leased to and used by certain schools.

1 Floor Amendment

SB 632 (CS) (LC) Fraser/ et al.

Relating to the creation of the governor's university research initiative and to the abolishment of the Texas emerging technology fund.

SB 638 (CS) (LC) Nichols

Relating to the transfer of certain state property from the Texas Department of Transportation to the Shepherd Independent School District; requiring the payment of certain transaction fees.

SB 777 (CS) (LC) Fraser/ et al.

Relating to the authority of the Public Utility Commission of Texas to restrict participation in the retail electric market for significant violations.

SB 1171 (CS) (LC) Nichols

Relating to the operation of certain oversize or overweight vehicles transporting timber, timber products, or forestry equipment on certain public roadways.

SB 1243 (CS) Burton

Relating to donation of unused prescription drugs.

SB 1280 (CS) (LC) Huffman

Relating to directing payment, after approval, of certain miscellaneous claims and judgments against the state out of funds designated by this Act; making appropriations.

SB 1304 (LC) Menéndez/ et al.

Relating to the creation of a women veterans mental health initiative within the mental health intervention program for veterans.

SB 1305 (LC) Menéndez/ et al.

Relating to the creation of a rural veterans mental health initiative within the mental health intervention program for veterans.

SB 1307 (LC) Menéndez/ et al.

Relating to occupational licenses for military service members, military veterans, and military spouses.

SB 1576 (CS) (LC) Hinojosa
Relating to the compensatory time and overtime pay for commissioned officers of the Department of Public Safety.

SB 1708 (LC) Huffman/ et al.
Relating to the creation of a governor's program for victims of child sex trafficking.

SB 1821 Campbell/ et al.
Relating to a local option exemption from ad valorem taxation of a portion of the appraised value of real property of a business that employs honorably discharged veterans.
1 Floor Amendment

SB 1828 (CS) (LC) Zaffirini
Relating to the creation of the offense of cargo theft.

SB 1964 (CS) (LC) Hinojosa
Relating to the imposition of additional fees for filing civil cases and for recording certain documents in Hidalgo County.

SB 2054 (LC) Birdwell
Relating to the transfer of certain state property from the Texas Juvenile Justice Department to the State Orphans Home Alumni Association.

The Senate suspended the regular order, read second time and passed to engrossment:

SB 228 (CS) Creighton/ et al.
Relating to an exemption from the sales tax for firearms and hunting supplies for a limited period.
1 Floor Amendment

SB 1628 (CS) Taylor, Larry/ et al.
Relating to insurance claims and certain prohibited acts and practices in or in relation to the business of insurance; amending provisions that are or may be subject to a criminal penalty.
11 Floor Amendments

The Senate adopted the following resolutions:

SR 605 Huffman
Recognizing March 26, 2015, as K9s4COPS Day.

The Senate concurred in House amendments to the following:

SB 149 (CS) Seliger/ et al. SP: Huberty
Relating to alternative methods for satisfying certain public high school graduation requirements, including the use of individual graduation committees.

Committee referral on the following:

SCR 41 Perry
Designating Terry County as the official Grape Capital of Texas.
Administration

SB 2066 Eltife
Relating to the creation of the Rose City Municipal Utility District; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments and fees.
Intergovernmental Relations

SB 2067 Hall
Relating to the designation of a segment of Interstate 30 in Rockwall County as the Ralph Hall Highway.
Transportation

SB 2068 Eltife
Relating to the Harrison County Court at Law.
Intergovernmental Relations

SB 2069 Hinojosa

Relating to the powers and duties of the Hidalgo County Water Control and Improvement District No. 18; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose fees and taxes.

Intergovernmental Relations

- (CS) COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
- (LC) RECOMMENDED FOR LOCAL CALENDAR